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NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Distribution of NIEs - Variations

1. Despite the standard distribution lists, which you have seen, there are substantial variations in the numbers of NIEs distributed - for the most part on papers classified SECRET. The standard distribution list for SECRET NIEs (including 60 reserve copies) totals 605. Usually about 50 more are printed. But sometimes the press run is a good deal higher - generally because (a) State and (b) DDP request additional copies beyond their usual supply. The highest example I have come across during this year was for NIE 11-69, the general paper on Soviet foreign policy. State requested 145 extra copies (it already had 50), DDP 59 extra, and the total press run was 884.

2. Before each NIE is printed State and DDP are asked to put in their requisition. The normal press run (for SECRET NIEs) thus varies from about 650 to (in one case at least) as many as 884. It is often in the 700's.

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